



# The Featherstone Academy

## PARENT FORUM

Minutes from the meeting held on  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Meeting commenced at 5.00pm

<b>1.</b>	<b>Head of School report back</b>
	<p><b><u>School League Tables</u></b> Mr Bush showed the forum the Department for Education website and the data that is available to the public so they could compare the academy's performance with other school's performance in the league tables.</p> <p><a href="https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk">https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk</a></p> <p><b><u>Staffing Update</u></b> Mr Bush explained that Mr Harris had left the academy however is still working for the trust but now supporting the UTC in Humberside.</p> <p><b><u>Lockers</u></b> Mr Bush explained that when the building work had finished lockers will be placed in corridors and in the dining hall for students to use. A system will be implemented that allows students to use lockers on a short term basis.</p> <p><b><u>Uniform</u></b> Mr Bush informed the group that Mrs Thompson has met with students to converse their opinion regarding uniform. Mr Bush said we are looking at either improving the quality of uniform or looking at feasibility of blazers. Mr Bush stressed nothing will be decided in a rush and a clear and open consultation period will be put in place before whole sale changes are made.</p>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Southway</b>
	<p>Mr Bush gave an update to the forum regarding Southway who will be moving into the Art block on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018. Southway will be run as a separate school, with their students arriving and leaving to and from Leeds whilst Featherstone students are in the building.</p> <p>Southway students will have their own designated areas and will not interact with the Featherstone students.</p> <p>Mr Bush talked about the benefits of having Southway on site.</p>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Food Update</b>
	<p>Mr Bush is in negotiations with Aspens to get a better deal for the students and school regarding catering.</p>
<b>4.</b>	<b>School Council</b>



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	To be relaunched after half term, with a high profile relaunch.
<b>5.</b>	<b>Building Update</b>
	Building work will be completed by Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> March. Mr Bush praised staff and students on how resilient they have been in terms of dealing with the changes to the building due to the works.
<b>6.</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
	<p>Mr Bush asked the question, how can we improve student attendance?</p> <p>Parents and Mr Bush agreed that a fine balance is needed and that clear communication and respect from all parties is required.</p> <p>Mr Bush said the academy needed to do more to reward students whose attendance is strong.</p>

Meeting closed at 6:00pm